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Applicant: Fred Christians et al.

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Title: **Preparation of Nucleic Acid
Samples**

Commissioner for Patents
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the
subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.